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I FIND NAC DISCUSSION BERLIN REPORTED POLTO 07 AS WELL AS WORLD PRESS TREATMENT THIS PROBLEM MOST DISTURBING. SOVS APPEAR TO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN FOCUSING DISCUSSION ON THEIR PROPOSAL RATHER THAN OURS. MOREOVER DISCUSSION SOV PROPOSAL IN TURN HAS CENTERED ON POSITION ALLIED RIGHTS AT END OF TIME PERIOD. WE NOW APPEAR TO BE IN POSITION THAT IF SOVS SHOULD MAKE CATEGORICAL STATEMENT RE VALIDITY OF OUR RIGHTS AT END OF PROPOSED PERIOD, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO REJECT THEIR PROPOSAL. FACT REMAINS PRICE SOVS ARE DEMANDING FOR LIMITED CONTINUATION OF PRESENT ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS IS EXCESSIVELY HIGH. WE ARE ASKED TO ESTABLISH A GERMAN COMMITTEE ON PARITY BASIS WHICH MEANS IN EFFECT DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF GDR, ACCEPTANCE OF IDEA THAT SUCH COMMITTEE SHOULD WORK OUT PEACE TREATY AND REUNIFICATION, PRESUMABLY NOT BASED ON FREE ELECTIONS; NON-RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND ATOMIC WEAPONS AND FINALLY REDUCTION OCCUPATION FORCES TO "SYMBOLIC CONTINGENTS".

IN RESUMPTION GENEVA DISCUSSIONS I SUGGEST THAT IN ANY DISCUSSION OF SOV PROPOSAL RATHER THAN CONCENTRATE ON STATUS ALLIED RIGHTS AT END OF TIME PERIOD, WE INSIST UPON CLEAR-CUT STATEMENT FROM SOVS AS TO WHAT IS MEANT BY "SYMBOLIC CONTINGENTS". BY THIS I MEAN NOT NUMBERS BUT RATHER FUNCTION OF SUCH CONTINGENTS. IT SEEMS CLEAR TO ME FROM PREVIOUS DISCUSSION AT GENEVA AND SUBSEQUENT SOV STATEMENTS IN MOSCOW THAT SOVS DO NOT INTEND THAT THESE REDUCED FORCES WOULD OPERATE ON PRESENT BASIS AS OCCUPATION TROOPS WITH ALL RIGHTS FLOWING FROM SUCH

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STATUS BUT RATHER THAT THEY MERELY SYMBOLIZE ALLIED
"PRESENCE" IN BERLIN.

APPEARS TO ME MAXIMUM ADDITIONAL CONCESSION WE MIGHT MAKE
AT GENEVA WOULD BE TO ADD TO OUR PROPOSAL PROVISION FOR
A FOUR POWER COMMISSION WITH GERMAN EXPERTS (OR ADVISORS)
TO DISCUSS REUNIFICATION AND PEACE TREATY, WITH FOREIGN
MINISTERS TO MEET WHENEVER SUCH COMMITTEE IS READY TO
REPORT BUT IN ANY EVENT NOT LATER THAN SAY TWO YEARS.
LAST PARA OUR PROPOSAL MIGHT THEN BE DROPPED.

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